

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 235

By Lamberth

A RESOLUTION to honor Commander Paul Clarke Harbsmeier
on the occasion of his retirement from the
Hendersonville Police Department.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize an
outstanding law enforcement officer who has protected and served his community with
commitment and courage; and

WHEREAS, Commander Paul Clarke Harbsmeier of the Hendersonville Police
Department (HPD) is taking a much-deserved retirement after more than forty years in law
enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Paul Clarke Harbsmeier began his illustrious tenure with HPD on July 16,
1980, and moved quickly upward through the ranks to serve first as a criminal investigator and
then as a Criminal Investigations Division (CID) sergeant; and

WHEREAS, he earned his lieutenant's bars on June 12, 2000, and subsequently served
in several divisions, including CID, Records, Patrol, Training, and Information
Technology/Special Projects; and

WHEREAS, since attaining the rank of commander on October 12, 2016, Paul Clarke
Harbsmeier has continued to serve HPD and his fellow citizens with distinction in numerous
endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Commander Harbsmeier has
completed extensive training in fingerprint analysis, firearms armoring, and medicolegal death
investigation; and

WHEREAS, he has spearheaded or been involved in numerous proactive projects at HPD, including the implementation of crimereports.com, the countywide radio system and records management systems, and the consolidated dispatch center; and

WHEREAS, Commander Harbsmeier previously served as chair of the Accident Review Board and continues to serve as a member of the combined Accident Review and Safety Committee; and

WHEREAS, he also serves as the interim director of the Sumner County Emergency Communications Center and as a member of the Center's Operations Committee and the Sumner E-911 Board; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Commander Harbsmeier has received numerous commendations from HPD, fellow law enforcement agencies, and the public at large; and

WHEREAS, he is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Gloria; sons, Tyler and Daniel; and granddaughter, Edyn; and

WHEREAS, for more than forty years, Paul Clarke Harbsmeier has helped hold the thin blue line that keeps our society safe and orderly, and he should be recognized on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Commander Paul Clarke Harbsmeier on his exemplary career with the Hendersonville Police Department and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness during his retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to

the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.